

# MEMORIAL SLOAN-KETTERING CANCER CENTER

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TOWARD THE CONQUEST OF CANCER



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Dear Josh:

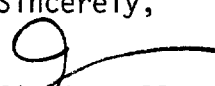
It was a pleasure to review our research interests with you and to explore possible areas of overlap of interest and potential endeavor.

I will keep you informed over the progress of the psycho-endocrine study with Jack Fishman of men with testicular cancer and their wives. While we have only clinical projects in the area of depression currently, this has a high priority in my plans for biologic research activities and, indeed, we are currently collaborating with Dr. Martin Sonenberg, Chief of Endocrinology at Memorial, who has a new technique for assessing catecholamine receptors in platelets that has not been studied as yet in primary affective disorders.

I am very pleased to hear about the two programs that you are exploring to develop an area of research in biological psychiatry and to develop a Clinical Research Scholar program. I would be very happy to serve on the Search Committee representing psychiatry at Memorial, if one is formed to search for a senior person in psychiatry. With your approval, I would like to approach some friends for the names of individuals whom they would consider particularly good in research in depression affective disorder.

The Clinical Research Scholar program sounds exciting and I will pursue possible candidates with Gregory Gorzyski and Jack Fishman, to identify someone who might qualify for what should be an exciting and potentially important program for training young faculty in research which crosses fields and requires the gaining of expertise in several different areas.

Sincerely,

  
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